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1690)

REFS: A. SALT TWO-1691
B. SALT TWO-1692
C. STATE 074913
D. SALT TWO-1693
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1. MY FIRST STATEMENT (REFTEL A) REPEATED RATIONALE FOR
2160 AND 1200 AGGREGATES AND TIMING OF DISMANTLING OR
DESTRUCTION OF ARMS IN EXCESS OF THOSE LEVELS. I NOTED
THAT SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED NO RATIONALE FOR THEIR 1250
PROPOSAL AND THAT RATIONALE PROVIDED FOR OTHER ELEMENTS
OF SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS UNPERSUASIVE. MY SECOND STATEMENT
(REFTEL B), ON MIRV LAUNCHER DISTINGUISHABILITY,
IMPLEMENTED REFTEL C GUIDANCE.

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2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT (REFTEL D) REVIEWED THE BIDDING ON
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS AND TABLED SLIGHT REVISION
OF PROPOSAL (REFTEL E) MADE 10 APRIL IN HEADS OF
DELEGATION MEETING. HE CONFIRMED AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE
UPDATED JDT AS OF 14 APRIL.

3. IN POST-PLENARY CONVERSATION SEMENOV SAID THAT BALL WAS

IN US COURT ON ASBMS AND HEAVY BOMBERS, ESPECIALLY SINCE US HAD MORE INTEREST IN THESE SYSTEMS. I POINTED OUT THAT US PROPOSAL RE HEAVY BOMBERS DID THE JOB BUT WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER SOVIET SUGGESTIONS.

4. ROWNY/BELETSKY-STARODUBOV BILATERAL. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE II, BELETSKY QUESTIONED OUR USE OF THE TERM "MODIFICATION" INSTEAD OF "MODERNIZATION," ADDING THAT IT APPEARED TO CONTRADICT WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED IN THE JDT. STARODUBOV SHOWED A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND CORRECTLY NOTED THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT ODS (OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCES) AND NOT FRODS.

5. JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN BILATERAL. CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION OF LAST EVENING SHCHUKIN FELT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT, IF POSSIBLE, TO INCLUDE IN THE FORTHCOMING REVISION OF THE JDT A CRUISE MISSILE RANGE DEFINITION INCLUDING A "DELTA" IN RANGE EVEN IF BRACKETED. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE OTHER THOUGHTS DISCUSSED; I.E., LIMITATION OF FRACTIONATION FOR ICBMS, MOVEMENT TOWARD THE SOVIET POSITION ON NEW TYPES AND DELETION OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CONVENTIONALLY ARMED CRUISE MISSILES, COULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN JDT.

6. PEREZ-MCNEILL-IFFT/KARPOV-SMOLIN-OBOUKHOV BILATERAL.
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IN RESPONSE TO PEREZ'S COMMENT THAT SOVIETS IN THE PAST HAD WELL OVER 400 ICBM LAUNCHERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ONE TIME, KARPOV SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE WORK FORCE HAD BEEN BUILT UP GRADUALLY OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. SMOLIN, IN ASKING FOR US REACTION TO NEW SOVIET PROPOSAL ON ARTICLE XVI, WAS TOLD BY PEREZ THAT IT FAILED TO ADEQUATELY RESPOND TO US CONCERNS. ON US BOMBER PROPOSAL, KARPOV AND SMOLIN FOCUSED IN PARTICULAR ON B-52 VERIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS, NOTING SRAM RACKS ON B-52S WHICH THEY UNDERSTOOD WERE COMPATIBLE WITH LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES. THEY PROBED AS TO WHAT DIFFERENCE US HAD IN MIND FOR B-52S AND WERE TOLD THAT B-52S EQUIPPED WITH LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES WOULD BE DISTINGUISHABLE BUT THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE SPECIFICS SINCE PROGRAM DECISIONS HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE. SMOLIN IMPLIED THAT IF ONLY ONE B-52 MODEL WERE TO BE EQUIPPED FOR CRUISE MISSILES THAT THIS WOULD FACILITATE VERIFICATION. SOVIETS QUESTIONED WHETHER US PROPOSAL FOR MIRV LAUNCHER DISTINGUISHABILITY WOULD MEAN FUTURE DEPLOYMENT OF MIRVED ICBMS AT D&P WOULD REQUIRE CHANGES TO SILOS AND WHETHER DEPLOYMENT OF M-X IN MM III SILOS WOULD REQUIRE THAT THESE SILOS BE MADE DISTINGUISHABLE FROM MM II SILOS.

7. NORTON/JOURAVLEV BILATERAL. JOURAVLEV STATED THAT SEMENOV WOULD ATTEND THE VANCE-GROMYKO MEETINGS. HE STATED PROSPECTS GOOD FOR AGREEMENT AT DELEGATION LEVEL ON HEAVY BOMBER ISSUES. MAJOR REMAINING CONCERNS ARE MANNER OF COUNTING OF AIRPLANES EQUIPPED FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF CRUISE MISSILES AND THE VERIFICATION OF B-52S EQUIPPED FOR ALCM. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EXISTING SRAM RACKS ON B-52S COULD LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILES. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE B-52S WITH FRODS AND URGED THAT US RECONSIDER ITS B-52 PROPOSAL IN THIS LIGHT.

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